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APPLICATION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

U.S. DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	NAME
6,738,850 B2	05/18/2004	Lai et al.
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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2).

References A3, A6 and A7 were cited in an Office Action issued in the counterpart Taiwanese application. References A6 and A7 are in Chinese. Applicants are disclosing references A1 and A2, which are the U.S. counterparts of references A6 and A7, respectively. A copy of the Taiwanese Office Action is attached to this Statement.

References A8-A10 were cited in an Office Action issued in the counterpart Japanese application, a copy of which is also attached to this Statement. References A8-A10 are in Japanese. For references A8 and A9, Applicants are disclosing references A4 and A5, which are the U.S. counterparts thereof, respectively. For reference A10, Applicants are submitting an English abstract.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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